

1 1. A receiver comprising:

2       a bank of correlators for receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a  
3       set of signature signals that has undergone some distortion; and

4       a correlation shaper operating on a vector output from the bank of  
5       correlators.

6 2. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators is a decorrelator receiver.

7 3. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators is a matched filter  
8       receiver.

9 4. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is a whitening  
10      transformation.

11 5. The receiver of claim 4, wherein the whitening transformation is determined by  
12      minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output from the bank of  
13      correlators and an output vector from the correlation shaper.

14 6. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is comprised of a  
15      transformation, the transformation being determined by minimizing the mean  
16      squared error between the vector output from the bank of correlators and an  
17      output vector of the correlation shaper.

18 7. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is chosen so that a  
19      covariance matrix of an output vector of the correlation shaper has the property  
20      that the second and subsequent rows are permutations of the first row.

21 8. The receiver of claim 7, wherein the correlation shaper is also chosen by  
22      minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output from the bank of  
23      correlators and the output vector from the correlation shaper.

24 9. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is a subspace whitening  
25      transformation.

1    10. The receiver of claim 9, wherein the subspace whitening transformation is  
2    determined by minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output from  
3    the bank of correlators and an output vector from the correlation shaper.  
4    11. The receiver of claim 6, wherein the transformation is performed on a subspace.  
5    12. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the correlation shaper is chosen so that a  
6    covariance matrix of a representation of an output vector from the correlation  
7    shaper in the space in which it lies has the property that the second and  
8    subsequent rows are permutations of the first row.  
9    13. The receiver of claim 12, wherein the correlation shaper is determined by  
10   minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output from the bank of  
11   correlators and the output vector from the correlation shaper.  
12   14. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators cross-correlates the  
13   received signal with a set of orthogonal signals.  
14   15. The receiver of claim 14, wherein the set of orthogonal signals is determined by  
15   minimizing the least-squares error between the set of orthogonal signals and the  
16   set of signature signals.  
17   16. The receiver of claim 14, wherein the set of orthogonal signals is determined by  
18   minimizing the least-squares error between the set of orthogonal signals and a set  
19   of decorrelator signals.  
20   17. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators cross-correlates the  
21   received signal with a set of geometrically uniform signals.  
22   18. The receiver of claim 17, wherein the set of geometrically uniform signals is  
23   determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of geometrically  
24   uniform signals and the set of signature signals.  
25   19. The receiver of claim 17, wherein the set of geometrically uniform signals is  
26   determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of geometrically  
27   uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.  
28   20. The receiver of claim 1, wherein the bank of correlators cross-correlates the  
29   received signal with a set of projected orthogonal signals.

1    21. The receiver of claim **20**, wherein the set of projected orthogonal signals is  
2    determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of projected  
3    orthogonal signals and the set of signature signals.

4    22. The receiver of claim **20**, wherein the set of projected orthogonal signals is  
5    determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of projected  
6    orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator signals.

7    23. The receiver of claim **1**, wherein the bank of correlators cross-correlates the  
8    received signal with a set of projected geometrically uniform signals.

9    24. The receiver of claim **23**, wherein the set of projected geometrically uniform  
10   signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of  
11   projected geometrically uniform signals and the set of signature signals.

12   25. The receiver of claim **23**, wherein the set of projected geometrically uniform  
13   signals is determined by minimizing the least-squares error between the set of  
14   projected geometrically uniform signals and a set of decorrelator signals.

15   26. The receiver of claim **1**, further comprising a bank of detectors operating on the  
16   output from the correlation shaper.

17   27. A method for processing signals in a multi-signature system comprising the steps  
18   of:  
19                   receiving a signal that is a linear combination of a set of signature signals  
20                   that has undergone some distortion;  
21                   processing the received signal to obtain a vector output; and  
22                   shaping the correlation of the vector output.

23   28. The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
24   further comprises the step of performing a whitening transformation on the vector  
25   output.

1    29. The method of claim 28, wherein performing the whitening transformation further  
2    comprises the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the vector  
3    output and an output vector from the whitening transformation.

4    30. The method of claim 27, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
5    further comprises the step of performing a transformation on the vector output,  
6    wherein the transformation is determined by minimizing the mean squared error  
7    between the vector output and an output vector of the transformation.

8    31. The method of claim 27, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
9    further comprises the step of performing a transformation of the vector output  
10   such that the covariance matrix of the vector output of the transformation has the  
11   property that the second and each subsequent row is a permutation of the first.

12   32. The method of claim 31, wherein performing the transformation further comprises  
13   the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output and the  
14   output vector from the transformation.

15   33. The method of claim 27, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
16   further comprises the step of performing a subspace whitening transformation on  
17   the vector output.

18   34. The method of claim 33, wherein performing the subspace whitening  
19   transformation further comprises the step of minimizing the mean squared error  
20   between the vector output and an output vector from the subspace whitening  
21   transformation.

22   35. The method of claim 27, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
23   further comprises the step of performing a transformation of the vector output  
24   such that the covariance matrix of the representation of the output vector of the  
25   transformation on the space in which it lies has the property that the second and  
26   each subsequent row is a permutation of the first.

1   **36.** The method of claim **35**, wherein performing the transformation further comprises  
2   the step of minimizing the mean squared error between the vector output and the  
3   output vector from the transformation.

4   **37.** The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
5   further comprises the step of cross-correlating the received signals with a set of  
6   orthogonal signals.

7   **38.** The method of claim **37**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
8   squares error between the signature signals and the set of orthogonal signals.

9   **39.** The method of claim **37**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
10   squares error between the set of orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator  
11   signals.

12   **40.** The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
13   further comprises the step of cross-correlating the received signal with a set of  
14   geometrically uniform signals.

15   **41.** The method of claim **40**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
16   squares error between the signature signals and the set of geometrically uniform  
17   signals.

18   **42.** The method of claim **40**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
19   squares error between the set of geometrically uniform signals and a set of  
20   decorrelator signals.

21   **43.** The method of claim **27**, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
22   further comprises the step of shaping the correlation of the vector output on a  
23   subspace by cross-correlating the received signals with a set of projected  
24   orthogonal signals.

25   **44.** The method of claim **43**, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
26   squares error between the set of projected orthogonal signals and the signature  
27   signals.

1    45. The method of claim 43, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
2    squares error between the projected orthogonal signals and a set of decorrelator  
3    signals.

4    46. The method of claim 27, wherein shaping the correlation of the vector output  
5    further comprises the step of shaping the correlation of the vector output on a  
6    subspace by cross-correlating the received signal with a set of projected  
7    geometrically uniform signals.

8    47. The method of claim 46, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
9    squares error between the projected geometrically uniform signals and the  
10    signature signals.

11    48. The method of claim 46, further comprising the step of minimizing the least-  
12    squares error between the projected geometrically uniform signals and a set of  
13    decorrelator signals.